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SUBJ: FOURTEENTH REPORT OF US DELEGATION TO ICAO ASSEMBLY,
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1. CLOSED MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONSIDERED RESOLUTION PROPOSED BY 15 AFRICAN AND ARAB STATES WHEREBY ASSEMBLY WOULD DECIDE "TO SUSPEND THE VOTING POWERS OF SOUTH AFRICA IN THE ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 62 OF THE CHICAGO CONVENTION". THIRTEEN ADDITIONAL STATES REQUESTED THAT THEY BE ADDED TO LIST OF CO-SPONSORS OF RESOLUTION. SOUTH AFRICA THEN MADE LONG STATEMENT POINTING OUT THAT RESOLUTION, INTRODUCED AT LAST MINUTE, INTERJECTS POLITICS INTO ASSEMBLY. SOUTH AFRICA MUST PURCHASE SOME ICAO DOCUMENTS AND CANNOT OBTAIN OTHERS SO ITS AUDITORS AND TAXPAYERS WOULD OBJECT TO FULL ICAO CONTRIBUTION. RESOLUTION MISREPRESENTS PARTS OF ITS DECEMBER 8, 1972 LETTER TO ICAO; ERRONEOUSLY CLAIMS THERE IS A BREACH OF CHICAGO CONVENTION; DISCRIMINATES AGAINST ONE CONTRACTING STATE IN VIOLATION OF ARTICLE 44 (G) OF THE CONVENTION; WOULD HAVE THE EFFECT OF REMOVING THE DISPENSATION IN A21-18/3 REGARDING MANY STATES IN ARREARS. US REGRETTED ISSUE HAD COME BEFORE ASSEMBLY SINCE IT DOES NOT REALLY PERTAIN TO ARREARS; SOUTH AFRICA DOES NOT FALL UNDER TERMS OF RESOLUTION A16-56 OR ITS REPLACEMENT SINCE IT HAS PAID ITS CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 1972, 1973 AND PART OF 1974. SINCE SOUTH AFRICA HAS NOT VIOLATED ARTICLE 62, US WOULD LIKE TO SEE AMENDMENTS TO THE TEXT WHICH WOULD BRING IT WITHIN

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THE FRAMEWORK OF CHICAGO CONVENTION.

2. THE PRC, SIERRA LEONE, GHANA AND ALGERIA SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF THE RESOLUTION. SOUTH AFRICA REQUESTED A ROLL-CALL VOTE AND RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED 63-21 (US) - 12. ISRAEL, CANADA, FRANCE NEW ZEALAND, SPAIN, UK AND FRG EXPLAINED WHY THEY VOTED AGAINST RESOLUTION; VENEZUELA WHY IT SUPPORTED IT AND AUSTRALIA WHY IT ABSTAINED.

3. PLENARY APPROVED REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION ON ITEMS 7 AND 32 AND ADOPTED A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION OF DOLS 1,193,000 FOR 1974. ALSO APPROVED AND ADOPTED WERE REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS OF TECHNICAL COMMISSION ON ITEMS 19, 21 AND 42. TITLE OF RESOLUTION 42/1 CHANGED TO "SICKLE CELL TRAITS IN CIVIL AVIATION" AND THIRD AND FOURTH "WHEREAS" CLAUSES DELETED AS PROPOSED BY SENEGAL AND SUPPORTED BY UK AND LEBANON.

4. PLENARY APPROVED AND ADOPTED REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON ITEMS 4, 5, 5.1, 6, 7 (EASTERN AFRICAN OFFICE) 9, 11.1, 14, 18 (INCLUDING PROVISION FOR ABROGATION OF RESOLUTION A19-2 AGAINST PORTUGAL ON WHICH LATIN AMERICANS MADE STATEMENTS OF SUPPORT OR SUGGESTED DRAFTING CHANGES) AND 41. WHEN RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 50(A) OF CONVENTION TO INCREASE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL TO 33 WAS CONSIDERED, SWEDEN, SUPPORTED BY TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, AGAIN MOVED ADOPTION OF AN ADDITIONAL "WHEREAS" CLAUSE RECOGNIZING ACCEPTANCE OF ROTATION SCHEMES AMONG CONTRACTING STATES FOR THEIR REPRESENTATION ON COUNCIL. BELGIUM AGAIN SPOKE AGAINST THIS PROPOSAL, THIS TIME SUGGESTING PRINCIPLE OF SOVEREIGNTY OF STATES BEING CALLED INTO QUESTION AND APPEALING TO SWEDEN TO WITHDRAW MOTION. US AND TURKEY SPOKE IN FAVOR OF RESOLUTION, BUT ZAIRE, INDONESIA, ITALY, GHANA, LUXEMBOURG AND SENEGAL ALL SPOKE AGAINST IT. GREECE SUGGESTED COUNCIL STUDY ROTATION AND EVEN DENMARK SAID IT FELT SOMEWHAT RESTRAINED REGARDING SWEDISH PROPOSAL. MOTION FAILED IN ROLL-CALL VOTE OF 22 (US) - 24 - 46 (PROPOSED BY VENEZUELA AND SECONDED BY LUXEMBOURG). RESOLUTION THEN ADOPTED BY ROLL-CALL VOTE (REQUESTED BY GHANA) OF 91 - 1(US) - 1. GHANA SAID, IN VIEW OF EXPENSE INVOLVED, IT WOULD NOT LIKE AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY TO BE CALLED IN N.Y., AS WAS DONE THE LAST TIME, TO ELECT ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO COUNCIL, WHEN AMENDMENT COMES INTO FORCE. PLENARY DECIDED LEAVE MATTER TO COUNCIL.

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5. GENERAL SECTION AND ECONOMIC COMMISSION REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS ON ITEMS 7, 26 AND 29 APPROVED AND ADOPTED. ASSEMBLY ADJOURNED FOR DAY AFTER SENEGAL PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO RESOLUTION ON RATES AND FARES. THIS PROPOSAL WILL BE TAKEN UP AS FIRST ITEM OCTOBER 15.

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